

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio  
January 20-25, 2006**

**Topic:** Proposed Teen Music Media Interest Group

**Background:** In the fall Joseph Wilk contacted the YALSA Office and asked if the association had any group or committee in place that dealt with the issue of teens and music. Since YALSA does not, he is proposing that the association establish an interest group on the topic. He has gathered the signatures of 30 individuals who also support the establishment of this group and are interested in participating if it were created.

**Action Required:** Discussion/Decision

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Dear YALSA Board of Directors:

We the undersigned petition the YALSA Board of Directors to create an official interest group on the subject of teen music media.

The purpose of The Teen Music Media Interest Group would be to develop recommended practices in collections, programming, and related topics in the field of music media (including CDs, MP3s, and emerging technologies and services in music media) for teens.

We feel that music media should be an integral part of any teen services plan. In addition to the basic fact that many teens will step foot in a library to check out a CD who would never have otherwise entered a library, music is an integral part of teen culture. It is a language of meaning in teen development as well as an important cultural and identity marker. This allows CDs to be a teen collection that addresses the lives and needs of many youth who might not otherwise feel represented in print resources. (\*\* indicates current YALSA members.)

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